


May 29, 1997

MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrators, Renal Dialysis Facilities

FROM: 
Alan Samuels, Director
Division of Health Licensing

SUBJECT: Provider-Wide Exception to Regulation 61-97

Regulation 61-97, Standards For Licensing Renal Dialysis Facilities, Section 405.H, requires that "A physician, pharmacist or registered nurse shall review at least monthly all medications prescribed by the facility's physician for each patient, for potential adverse reactions, allergies, interactions, etc."

As described in the Nurse Practice Act and verified with the State Board of Nursing, the scope of practice for LPN's permits an LPN to review medications. Therefore, in the interest of establishing reasonable standards which do not compromise the health and welfare of patients receiving services in renal dialysis facilities, we have determined that it is acceptable to also include an LPN as a reviewer of patient medications.

This exception applies to any renal dialysis facility licensed by the Department. It relates solely to South Carolina licensing standards. Any adverse conditions(s) that may be related to this exception may result in revocation of the exception by the Department.

If there are any questions, please call (803) 737-7202.

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